

BANTRY PARISH NEWSLETTER
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Calendar: Mass Times and Intentions :-

Mon. 7th Sept.: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time:

**Bantry: 10am – Paddy & Bridie Cronin –
Georges Row**

Tues. 8th September:

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

Bantry 10am Paddy Nagle – Blackrock Terrace

Wed. 9th September: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am Charlie O’Neill - Tallaght

Hospital Chapel: 5.30pm

John O’Shea - Droumaloughlin Street

Thurs. 10th September: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 10am: Pat Cadogan – Church Road

Friday 11th September: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time:

**Bantry: 10am: John O’Sullivan & his parents
and family - Cappanaloha**

Kealkil: 7.30pm: Donal Murphy - Lisheens

Sat. 12th September: 23rd Week in Ordinary Time:

**Hospital: 10am: Kathleen Murphy – Glandore
& Dublin**

**Bantry: 6.15pm: Timothy & Kathleen Daly
(Dromore) and Josephine & Charlie McCarthy
and the McCarthy Family - Goleen**

Sun. 13th September: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Bantry: 9am Barry O’Donoghue –

Dromleigh North

Coomhola: 10am: John O’Flynn –

Coorloun West

Kealkil: 11am: Paddy Kelleher – Cappabue

Bantry: 12 noon: People of the Parish

Recent Parish Baptisms:

Michal Jarkowski

(Quarry Well, Seskin, Bantry),

Jakub Borkowski

(Derrymihan West, Castletownbere)

Sophia Annie Jakobsen O’Shea

(Slip Lawn, Bantry)

We welcome them into our Christian Community

Wedding Congratulations

We congratulate

Elizabeth Delaney (Slip, Bantry) &

Andrew Burke (Waterford)

who were married in St. Finbarr’s Church,
Bantry on Tuesday 1st September, 2015.

We wish Elizabeth & Andrew long & happy
lives together.

ALIVE Free Catholic paper (September edition) is
available at the church porches.

Please take one, and some for family and friends.

COLLECTION OF UNWANTED CLOTHES &
LINENS on SEPTEMBER 14TH @ 9.30am.
CAPPABUE N.S. WILL BE COLLECTING OLD
CLOTHING/HOUSEHOLD TEXTILES/SHOES &
MOBILE PHONES TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE
PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION. PLEASE DROP
BAGS TO FUTURE FORESTS BEFORE THAT
DATE. THANK YOU!

Myross Wood Adult Studies for Winter 2015

Adult studies of the Catholic Catechism will take place in
Myross Wood Retreat Centre from Monday 7th Sept (7.30 –
9.30pm). The study is free apart from the cost of the
Catechism of the Catholic Church. Come and find out more
on Mon 31st Aug @ 7.30pm.

Learn more about the Bible – A series of Adult studies
introducing YOU to The Holy Scriptures (Sept-Dec). All
welcome. These studies are open to All adults who wish to
grow in their understanding of the Whole Bible. Begins with
introduction on Tuesday Sept. 8th (7.30-9.30pm)
Myross Wood Retreat Centre, Leap, Co. Cork. Tel: 028-
33118.

Spiritual Director: Fr. Michael Curran MSC

The **Roman Missal** for Sundays & Holydays
(new edition).

Now available at the Parish Office. Cost: €10

**Gaelscoil Bheanntrai: Bantry Mother and Toddler
group** is re-starting in the School Hall every Monday at
9.45-11.45. For information tel. 51966

Offertory Collection:

Bantry Church: Weekend 29th /30th August :€1699

Month of August: Coomhola:€1480. Kealkil:€2760

**Special collection for Priesthood Education will take
place on 26th/27th September**

Autumn Station Masses 2015

Saturday 12th September @ 11am

Mrs. Betty Holland – Derrycreha, Esknafeelna, Ardnatrush Beg

Saturday 19th September @ 11am

John & Kate O’Sullivan – Upper Seskin

Tuesday 29th September @ 11am

The Murray Family – Ballylickey, Lahern, Gortagaree, Reendonegan, Goreemore, Dromdaniel, Crossogue, Dromloughlin, Dromaclarig.

Saturday 3rd October @ 11am

Eileen & Alan Hennell – Donemark, Lahaden, Carrigbui, Dromafinchin, Dromachapail, Dromduneeen

Stations will continue from now until Saturday, the 31st October. If you are thinking of hosting the Autumn Stations this year, we would ask you to please contact the parish office (56398) to arrange a date.

Bingo with A Jackpot at Mealagh Valley Hall on Thursday September 10th. at 8.30 P.M. PLEASE SUPPORT OUR AUTUMN SUPPER ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH. AT 9.00P.M. SUPPER & MUSIC UNTIL 1.30A.M. FOR JUST €15. CONTACT JOHN ON,,,,,,,,, 087-2856973 OR PAUL ON 027-66278. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Parent and Toddler group at Our Lady of Mercy National School back in action! You are very welcome to come and join our Parent and Toddler group on Wednesday mornings from 9 – 11a.m. at Our Lady of Mercy N.S. It is open to all parents, grandparents and carers with babies or toddlers in the community! Enjoy a cup of tea and chat with other parents/carers while your child has an opportunity to play and socialise in a safe and friendly environment. Cost is €2 per child or €3 per family. There is parking at the school & you are very welcome.

Bantry Defibrillator Group will have a training session in the Boys Club Monday Sept 7th at 8pm. Come along and learn how to do CPR, how to use a defibrillator and learn the correct procedure to help someone who is choking. You never know when you may need these life saving skills.

Night Classes in Colaiste Pobail Bheanntaí

Enrolment will take place on Tuesday 8th September from 5.30 – 6.30 in the college for Early Childhood Care and Education QQI Level 6, Palliative Care, Occupational First Aid, and Legal Practices and Procedures, QQI Level 5 and ECDL. Classes will commence Tuesday 15th September. Enrolment will take place on Tuesday 15th September from 5.30 - 6.30 in the college for Watercolour Landscapes, Psychology in Everyday Life, Digital Photography – feature writing, Meditation Relaxation and Mindfulness, Practical Cookery. Classes commence Tuesday 22nd September/Thursday 24th Sept. All classes run subject to sufficient enrolment.

The West Cork Development Partnership will be holding LEADER 2015-2020 Local Development Strategy Public Consultation Meetings in early September at various venues in West & South Cork. A Public Meeting will take place in West Lodge Hotel, Bantry 15th Sept @ 7.30pm. The inputs and observations contributed during the consultation process guide the delivery of the LEADER programme. Phone WCDP 023 8834035 or www.wcdp.ie

Instruct the ignorant – Second Spiritual work of mercy - Monsignor Charles Pope

To instruct comes from the Latin *instruere* which means to build up. In English, there is also the notion of strewing something. For example, to strew hay or to say that the seed has been strewn. Thus, to instruct means to disperse knowledge or build someone up in what is learned. These days, the word “ignorant” is most often used in a negative sense. But the word simply refers to someone who does not know something. Whilst some ignorance can be said to be inexcusable, (in that a person should know better), it can also be more innocent; one simply does not happen to know something and can benefit from instruction.

This is what is meant by the spiritual work of mercy “instruct the ignorant” All of us can benefit from proper instruction from those who know more than we do on certain issues. It is a work of mercy when someone takes the time to instruct us. It is an even greater work of mercy when the knowledge conferred is something essential. The goal of religious instruction is to place one into a saving relationship with God. Thus the goal is not too simple to help people know about the Lord, but to know the Lord, and by that relationship with him in the truth, one can be saved.

Another and more particular sense of instructing the ignorant, however seems to be lost. Many good people place a low priority on informing themselves or their loved ones on the truths of sacred doctrine and how it is essential for our salvation. Part of the problem is theological, since many today have a diminished sense of the possibility of Hell, thinking little of the day of judgement for which we should have a holy fear, not to mention careful preparation. To instruct people on the possibility of Hell is to do the will of God. So to instruct the ignorant is a wonderful spiritual work of mercy whereby souls are saved. Be extravagant in teaching your soul by reading scripture and sharing what you have learned with others.